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SUBJECT: IMPORT SURCHARGE DECREE: PROVISIONS RE CIGARRETTE INDUSTRY

REF: STATE 206491

1. UNDERSTANDING OF CIGARRETTE INDUSTRY IS ESSENTIALLY CORRECT.

DECREE 786 MOVES FOLLOWING PERTINENT ITEMS FROM LIST I TO II,
ON WHICH 60 PERCENT DUTY SURCHARGE APPLIES (NUMBERS REFER TO
NABANDINA NOMENCLATURE):

24.01.01.01 LIGHT TOBACCO, LEAF OR UNPROCESSED, WITH PRIOR
PERMIT OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

24.01.02.01 LIGHT TOBACCO, STEMMED, WITH PRIOR PERMIT OF
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK. AND
ONLY THAT ORIGINATING IN AND PROCEEDING FROM
PARAGUAY.

48.10.00.00 WRAPPER PAPER CUT TO SIZE FOR THE MANUFACTURE
OF CIGATETTES. (NOTE: ORIGINAL DESCRIPTION
UNDER THIS NUMBER INCLUDES PAPER IN
"LIBRILLOS" (BOOKLETS) AND "TUBOS"
(TUBES).

80.04.01.00 SHEETS AND STRIPS OF TINFOIL.

48.01.05.01 PAPER AND CARTON FOR PACKAGING, UNDER
PRIOR PERMIT OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES,
COMMERCE AND INTEGRATION.

WE FIND NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO CIGARETTE FILTERS AND
FLAVORING; HOWEVER, DEPENDING ON GOE INTERPRETATION, FOLLOW-
ING MAY APPLY:

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84.18.01.01 FILTERS AND PURIFIERS FOR LIQUIDS OR GASES

FOR HOUSEHOLD USE.

2. AS INDUSTRY WILL NOTE, CIGATTE PAPER IS A CATEGORY
TRANSFERRED TO LIST II, LUXURY ITEMS. DARK TOBACCO IMPORTS
HAVE LONG BEEN BANNED DUE TO DOMESTIC PRODUCTION. DECREE 738
NOW ALSO PROHIBITS IMPORTATION OF ALL CIGARRETTES. FINALLY,
SINCE WORDING OF NEW DECREE IS VAGUE REGARDING MANY CATEGORIES,
U.S. SUPPLIERS SHOULD ASK THEIR LOCAL IMPORTERS TO CONSULT
APPROXIMATE GOE AGENCIES FOR DETERMINATION OF REGULATIONS IN
THESE CASES.
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